

### **REMARKS**

Claims 28 to 32 and 39 to 50 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter included in claims 40, 43 to 47, 49, and 50. Claims 40, 43, 45, 46, and 49 have been rewritten herein in independent form, and all dependent claims now ultimately depend from a claim that was indicated to include allowable subject matter. As such, it is respectfully submitted that all rejections raised in the Office Action are moot and that all of the present claims are in condition for allowance.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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